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## **CLEAN HARBORS TO OPERATE FORMER ROMIC RAIL FACILITY IN REDWOOD CITY**

SACRAMENTO -- The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has issued a Consent Order to Clean Harbors Environmental Services, Inc. allowing the company to conditionally operate the rail transfer facility in Redwood City formerly owned by Romic Environmental Technologies Corporation.

In June 2007, Clean Harbors purchased several Romic facilities, including the Redwood City rail transfer facility, which is used to transfer liquid hazardous waste between rail tank cars and tanker trucks. DTSC regulates transfer and storage activities at the Redwood City rail facility under a standard hazardous waste facility permit.

Under terms of the order, Clean Harbors will be allowed to conduct specific conditional operations at the Redwood City rail transfer facility until DTSC receives a request from the company for a "Class 2" permit modification, holds a 60-day public comment period, and makes a final determination. These operations include:

- Setting a maximum capacity of hazardous waste onsite at one time to 60,550 gallons. This equates to two rail cars, one tanker truck and 10 drums of off-site hazardous waste
- Transfer and store waste from Clean Harbors' hazardous waste facility in San Jose from tanker trucks into rail cars in Redwood City that will transport waste to authorized facilities
- Transfer and store hazardous waste from rail cars in Redwood City to trucks bound for Clean Harbors' hazardous waste facility in San Jose
- Limit waste storage at the facility to a maximum of 10 days

Before conducting any operations at the Redwood City facility, DTSC's order requires Clean Harbors to prepare and submit a waste analysis plan, inspection plan, emergency contingency plan, financial assurance documents and training plan. In addition, the company must notify DTSC 10 days before receiving its first shipment of

hazardous waste at the facility. Once shipments begin to the Redwood City facility, Clean Harbors is subject to all operating conditions that DTSC had imposed on the previous owner, Romic, and will be limited to the same materials and quantities of hazardous waste.

A copy of the order can be viewed on DTSC's Web site at [www.dtsc.ca.gov](http://www.dtsc.ca.gov).

In addition to the new Order, on August 6, DTSC approved a minor permit modification to transfer ownership and the standard permit for the Redwood City rail facility from Romic to Clean Harbors. This permit modification was allowed by DTSC although the department issued an order to Romic in May 2007 to close the Redwood City rail transfer facility – along with company's East Palo Alto facility -- because Romic found a viable buyer for the rail facility.

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FOR GENERAL INQUIRIES: Contact the Department of Toxic Substances Control by phone at (800) 728-6942 or visit [www.dtsc.ca.gov](http://www.dtsc.ca.gov). To report illegal handling, discharge, or disposal of hazardous waste, call the Waste Alert Hotline at (800) 698-6942.

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